GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Endangered Species
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of endangered species of Animals and Birds recorded in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
(b) whether the Government has taken latest and adequate security measures for the establishment of special parks and protection of endangered species of animals and birds in the country;
(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount sanctioned for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise;
(d) whether the Government has formed or advised the State/UTs to form important committees/wings dealing with endangered animals; and
(e) if so, the details thereof along with the composition, roles and responsibilities of such committees/wings?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) Enumeration of major species like tiger, elephant and rhino are done periodically in the country. However, as per the Red list version published by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), followings were listed as 'Threatened Species' (Critically Endangered, Endangered and Vulnerable) during the last three years:

S.No.	Year		
Taxa	2013	2015	2016
1	Mammals	95	96	92
2	Birds	80	82	87
3	Reptiles	50	53	54
4	Amphibians	74	75	75
5	Fishes	213	214	222
6	Other Invertebrates	134	135	135

(b)&(c) Though some of the Protected Areas are specifically dedicated for conservation of certain endangered species, financial assistance under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz, 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger', and 'Project Elephant' are provided to State/UT Governments for protection and conservation of wildlife including endangered species and their habitats. State-wise details of funds released under these schemes during the last three years are given in the Annexure-I.

(d)&(e) State Governments are empowered to constitute Committees for conservation of wildlife based on need based assessment. However, the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, stipulates formation of State Board for Wild Life under the chairmanship of respective Chief Ministers. Chief Wildlife Wardens of the respective states are responsible for coordination of activities for wildlife conservation. The composition and duties of the State Board is at Annexure-II

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